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Semi-Annual Clock Tinkering Time is ripe in the Valley of the Moon

The general idea is that, come Saturday night, you push your clock ahead an hour before you retire, or first thing Sunday morning—or you'll be late for church, miss appointments, and in general be all mixed up. Our own idea is that when the sun's exactly straight up, it should be 12 noon. That of course means "sun time," which isn't practical everywhere but which can be approximated by our existing time zones.

Country people hate daylight saving time. The city folks either don't care or don't know the difference.

The easiest way to support a wife in the manner to which she's accustomed is to let her keep her job. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR.

Wednesday came another anniversary for the Littles—41 years with the same spouse. No particular celebration, but there was a little gift and a dinner out. How in the world she ever put up with us that long!

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Nice days now. Bring your laundry here—skip the tedious job at home. Wast, dry, iron. Low cost.

High school bond election comes up May 10—not too far away—and those "for" the proposition are working with all their might to put it over. That "put it over" is purely descriptive, but we believe it is a deserved reference.

The high school just a few months ago finished a high-priced expansion program. The new facilities aren't even yet well broken in.

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And if this new program passes, they'll be back again in another year or two for more. You give 'em the money, they'll spend it.

Sure, the enrollment is growing, but it isn't yet much beyond the 600 mark. Flowerly also expected a continuous growth, but its enrollment has dropped, is not increasing.

It's always nice to have a school plant as good as or better than some comparable school elsewhere. But we'd say we can't afford this continuous school plant expansion—unless and until every other means of utilizing the present plant are exhausted.

It's time to call a halt to the present trend. Let the school authorities consider (really consider) using the school 12 months a year, 12 hours a day instead of 6, and if that eventually doesn't do the job, it'll be time then to build new classrooms and other desirable facilities.

San Diego is instituting the 12 month school year plan in its system, and many other districts are studying the matter. Have you heard anything said locally about any such consideration? Have the school authorities forgotten that progress demands such consideration?

The high school trustees might well consider the 12-month plan, a unified Valley school district, a junior high school out in the Valley, and a stop to concentrating all higher grade expansion to the city of Sonoma. As it is now, the 7th and 8th grades out in the elementary schools aren't getting the best in education. A junior high school (encompassing the 7th, 8th and 9th grades) would be a decided improvement over the present separation, and is common throughout the state and the United States. We're 'way behind the times, locally, in education advancement.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Cut flowers, Bouquets, Potted Plants. Vegetables, flowers, in flats, ready to plant. Fertilizers.

Peter Mancuso, of the Mancuso Winery, has been appointed as a director of the Sonoma Valley soil conservation district, replacing John F. Poshepny of Kenwood, resigned.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Gardening equipment. Household appliances. Giftware. Paints. Tools. Glass.

Master Sgt. and Mrs. Albert McGill and family from the El Toro air base were Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Huffman at the Sastner ranch.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Sportsmen's headquarters. A most congenial atmosphere, with finest in mixed drinks. Drop in.

The Col. E. L. Richardsons of Sobre Vista are making rapid progress on a new swimming pool at their estate.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. A complete one-stop market. Take-out license. Prices mighty low, and highest quality always.

That low rock wall in front of our lot has caused a lot of favorable comment. Only we didn't build it. Ivar Monson did. He lives next door, learned the art of constructing walls from field stone back in Sweden, and he really knows how. Likes the work, too. In our case he found a strata of rock about 2 feet below the surface, and built on that. Shucks! Maybe we could find some gold in that strata, maybe uranium. Or oil! Anyway, the whole corner now looks like a million dollars.

JIM'S MEATS. Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest quality always, and cut as you like it. Rather wonderful delicatessen, too.

Seems like spring is breaking out all over. Everybody seems to be remodeling, improving, building, painting—and burning rubbish.

Rozario's had a leaky roof, had to tear out the ceiling over the bar and replace it. Result: Wonderful job, vastly improved appearance.

Woodleaf remodels, rearranges, now more convenient for shoppers than ever.

Review office portion being rearranged, ceiling lowered, sound-proofed, departmentalized.

Bathhouse has an entirely new appearance. Roof's gone, now has the appearance of a Moorish palace.

And, driving around town, you see signs of new construction, remodeling, all over the place. Might be interesting if you took a drive around town, too.

And isn't it about time for that perennial Paint Up, Clean Up week—or something similar? You know, it's going to be hotter'n blazes in just a few weeks.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971.
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

Baker's Drive-In opened for business Thursday. That's the former Caroline's, and before that, Merry's. Mrs. Baker will be general factotem, and promises good food, fast service, low prices—and wonderful coffee.

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Finest meats in the whole valley, with real bargains last three days each week.

Comes a super breakfast—sponsored by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, set for Sunday, April 28, at Veterans' Memorial building, Sonoma. The cost is most moderate, the menu superb—eggs, bacon, hot cakes, syrup, rolls, juice, coffee. Be there, anywhere between 9 and 12. Proceeds go to the crippled children project of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. You'll undoubtedly meet a lot of friends there.

BOYES SPRINGS BATH HOUSE—Now open, bigger and better. Two restaurants, casino, beautiful cool and hot mineral pools.

One of the candidates for the office of high school district trustee we know is Oden Romwall. He's a Boyes resident, is a psychiatric technician at the Eldridge state home, has graduated from the Universities of California and Nevada, and has an excellent record as a citizen and a man. He believes he can contribute substantially to the welfare and progress of the school district. Election along in May.

VOTE FOR ODEN ROMWALL for trustee, Sonoma Valley Union High School District. Election, May 17.

Actually there are something like eight candidates for two positions on the high school district board, including Ralph Hotz and Captain Ford, incumbents. We know some of the candidates; one we like is Jim Gordon, El Verano, who is a leading exponent of a junior high school for the Springs area.

SLEEPING ROOMS in private home. Clean and quiet. 27 Patten St., Sonoma. Phone WE 8-2553. 6-21

The Springs area is bustin' out all over with highway traffic signs, designating parking places, time limits, etc. All helps. All 'way overdue. One of the best of the lot is a restricted area in front of the postoffice, plainly designated and with green curb, limiting parking there to 30 minutes. Before the signs appeared, some persons were known to have parked there all day.

TODD CONSTRUCTION - ESTIMATING SERVICE. Subdivision Surveying. New location: Boyes Plaza, opposite Woodleaf.

Getting along toward Moonbeams' second birthday, and it occurs to us that maybe you should subscribe to the smallest paper on the west coast for some of your friends and relatives living some place else. For \$1.29, where could you find a more delightful gift? Think it over.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Watches, Rings, Shavers, Bands, Jewelry. Expert watch-clock repair service. Quality always.

You know, lots of controversial subjects get discussed in Moonbeams. Sometimes, maybe, we might even say something or other just to start a ruckus. We're not always right. If and when you have "feelings" on any subject, with us or agin us, why not write a letter to the editor? Everybody will enjoy it, or at least will be interested.

No rigid rules. Keep it short. Not libelous, of course. But your name need not be printed, if you so request. We must know only who the writer is.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold Drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

Friend of ours visited the Valley recently. After leaving, he sent back this note: "Noting the dress of some of your teenagers leads me to say, 'In the Springs a young man's fancy.'"

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch-clock repair service. Watches, Rings, Bands, Jewelry, Shavers. The best, always.

The El Verano school will stage its annual circus on Saturday, May 11, on the school grounds. This has turned out to be one of the highlights of the Springs summer season, with constantly increasing crowds, and rather amazingly good programs and entertainment, plus plenty of food and beverages of the usual circus nature. Make it a point to be there this year. You won't be gypped on prices, and everything made goes to the benefit of the school.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Nationally known, noted for its splendid meals, excellent bar, luxurious accommodations.

The little lady who disagrees with us on our revulsion against murder, detective, mystery and similar junk programs on TV and radio should be most interested in a new serial in the SatEvePost. It's called "No Blade of Grass, a Violent New Novel That Will Shock and Fascinate You." But who the heck wants to be shocked? Certainly not this safe and sane, calm and dignified editor!

NELSON'S GROCERY - DELICATESSEN, on the Plaza, Boyes. Freshest produce! Prices the lowest. Try us out!—This week!

Got some of the finest prawns ever served, we think, the other day at Mendel's Cafe. Marge Provonzano was the chef. Reminded us of the luscious french fried chicken we used to get in Michigan. So now, for the finest seafood, you know where it's served.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

Sooo, at 5 a.m. Thursday, writing this stuff, the dawn is coming up, not like thunder, but calm and peacefully. But say a week from today (same hour) it still will be dark and dreary. Phooey on this daylight savings time*

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. On Arnold Drive. Fine wines and Liquors. A friendly place, always. "SLIM" WALLACE.

Boyes Springs bath house has a grand season opening this week Saturday, and patrons will be amazed at the changes that have been made. The roof over the giant sized pool has been removed, and you'll find Moorish-castle-like walls, beautifully decorated. Also two restaurants, a spic and span amusement area, along with the cocktail room, alluring cool and hot pools—in fact, one of the most attractive recreation spots in all of northern California.

EXPERT LANDSCAPE GARDENING. Weekly, monthly maintenance. Cost is low. Call me (Blak) at WE 8-3775.

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Wonderful steak, poultry, roast, seafood dinners. Italian food a specialty. Cocktails.

Got to wondering whatever became of Al and Delpha Rozario, former owners of the Palms Inn. Found out. Al is a big wheel in a San Rafael night spot, and along with Delpha, they enjoy a beautiful home on a hillside in Tiburon.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Main corner. Last of the 11 old-timers. Authentic western atmosphere. Jack London's favorite tavern.

AQUA SOFT—Water Treating Co. Sonoma owned. Call Petaluma Porter 2-7458. Evenings, Sonoma, Webster 8-3433.

Everyone's got to have an ambition, or he's sunk. Was asked what ours is. May never make it, but eventually we want a fairly good sized place and raise exotic fowl—like peacocks, guinea hens, pheasants, swans—yes, even ostriches, emu and such highbred chickens that we can sweep in all the prizes at county and state fairs—then get rich selling hatching eggs from all of 'em.

PLAZA BARBER SHOP, Boyes. Superior workmanship, latest styling, for the most discriminating. Drop in and get acquainted.

BATES AND EVANS, Funeral Directors. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. 691 Broadway, Sonoma. Webster 8-2686.

Found out what "rosettes" are. The missus reported the closet clothes pole was out of commission, the little holder at one end having collapsed. Called up our nearest hardware man, and he said, find a lumber yard and ask for a pair of rosettes. Johnny Dowdall had 'em—26 cents a pair. We learn something every day—or week.

RAY'S SIGNAL SERVICE, Arnold Drive at Cecilia, Eldridge. For Emergency Groceries any time. Select stock. WE 8-5811.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Splendid menu, including Spanish delicacies. Bring your out-of-town guests here. Cocktail bar.

That piano which now graces the clubrooms of the El Verano Improvement club was obtained through the gracious gift of Art Stewart, well known Springsite. And it sure gets a workout every meeting night.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

PAUL'S OLD RANCHERO, Verano. Superb Italian and American dinners. Cocktails. For the family or large groups. Paul at organ.

Principal Herb White of the Flowery school was the speaker at this week's Lions club meeting at Rozario's Palms Inn. He explained why the school district is requesting a boost in the base tax limit for the district from 90 cents to \$1.35 per \$100 assessment. His presenta-

tion was logical, he answered many questions, and in general his points were well accepted.

Moonbeams was prepared to fight against the increase, but as of now we think we'll let the whole matter ride. Would suggest you get in touch with White, or any member of the Flowery school board, and they'll explain everything.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Superior quality always. Most dealers have 'em.

BUD'S GARAGE, corner Railroad & Cherry Sts. Guaranteed finest workmanship, all cars. Fast service. Phone WE 8-3971.

Yes, Mothers' day is coming up—May 12—so you better be getting set for it. Notice we put the apostrophe after the "s", making it a plural possessive. Originators wanted it "Mother's" but they just may have been wrong. It's your own mother you're honoring, of course, but the day is for all mothers wherever they may be. Anybody want to argue the point? We've got some others, like Women's club, Bluebirds, Campfire, etc., where the originators didn't think very hard before deciding upon what they consider is the proper official name.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. "Home of the Lions." Splendid cuisine. Cocktail room. The Valley's favorite gathering place.
DONOVAN'S IRISH INN, opp. Bathhouse. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. Baked Ham, Corned Beef dinners Saturdays. Beer and Wine.

Bill Donovan of the Irish Inn, opposite the bath house, is in a San Francisco veterans' hospital, undergoing a checkup and treatment. He's expected home in a week or so.

MISSION CHAPEL MORTUARY, Funeral Directors, Sonoma. James and Jack Bisso. Only home-owned and operated mortuary
OUR RESORT, El Verano. Harvey and Melina to serve you the finest mixed drinks. Home of draft beer and the Stein Club.

Walter Grunert, Fetters, is making steady progress on his big job of reupholstering and bring back to original condition a fine old 1914 Pierce Arrow car, sent here from Reno for this particular job. Grunert is a whiz at it, so much so that he's got several more ancient cars all lined up for rehabilitation jobs. Once worked for Cadillac at its city headquarters, also in Montana.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. You'll like our Clown Room. Bring your guests here, for outstanding prestige.
RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Main corner. Bud Delaney, Proprietor. Tires, Tubes, Batteries. Fast, efficient service.

Trout season opens Saturday, and the Valley's many fish-seekers are all ready and rarin' to go. They love it. Actually, you can get

'em bigger and cheaper at a fishery store—but maybe that wouldn't appeal to a dedicated fisherman as any fun, a-tall.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

That Valley of the Moon temperature appearance on Dave Garroway's program Wednesday morning should be considered as a flop. The name was there, at the bottom of his weather report reel, but it was on so fleetingly (and with no specific mention audibly) that quite likely not many persons even saw it.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Italian meals at their finest. American dinners too. Old West atmosphere. Cocktail bar. Try us.

And from our "good" democrat friend in Fetters: "Well, there is one thing we agree on, anyway. Your pick of winners in the majors and Coast league. My favorite team out here has always been Portland; not only the team, but the town, as well. For the good of baseball, it's about time to relegate both the Yankees and Dodgers as well, I'd say, to the second division for a while. I'll have to admit, though, that would be quite an undertaking."

TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. New. Luxurious. The finest dinners, drinkables. Music weekends. Exotic! The Amantes.

"Every night I dream of a sign on a door, and I push and push it, but can't get it open." "What does the sign say?" "Pull."

POP'S BROADWAY CAFE, Sonoma. Pop on duty nights, Bill Collins back four days a week. Drop in and let's talk a while.

SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

May is the merry month of flowers nurtured well by April's showers. It's also the month when Reds parade in Moscow's militant cavalcade. But best of all it's the month when kids sense that school is on the skids, and brides-to-be announce that soon it'll be that wondrous day in June! Magic May, when senses roam—and even Ye Ed commits a pome!

YELL'S ACRES NURSERY, Glen Ellen. Getting about that time to get your Dahlias in. Wonderful selection here. Priced low.

It's Public Schools week come Sunday—so next week why don't you go to school and get acquainted with your kids' teachers?

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Coda frontis: too

On Easter day, one of our preachers intoned: "And to all those whom I won't see until the next Easter parade, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

ELECTRONIC DRIVE-IN—TV and Radio—Specializing in Auto Radio. 736 West Napa St., Sonoma. Kraft and Castori. WE 8-4839.